

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

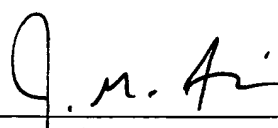
Further to the Office Action of May 3, 2005, and the Interview Summary dated May 25, 2005, Applicants have corrected the inadvertent omission to show claim text with markings with respect to claims 17-18 and 33-34. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 17-18 and 33-34 have been amended. Claims 1-16 and 19-32 have been canceled. Claims 17-18 and 33-50 remain pending.

Based upon the Interview Summary dated May 25, 2005, the pending Office Action mailed May 3, 2005, is withdrawn in favor of a new Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As such, having responded within the time period of one (1) month or thirty (30) days from the mailing date of the May 3, 2005, Office Action and with the corrective filing herein, Applicants have fully responded to the Office Action of September 8, 2004.

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. No fee is believed due, however, if any fees are required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,
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